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NSC BRIEFING

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### KOREAN ORDER OF BATTLE

I. C.C. Ground: (Armies - 43,441 men) -

A. Front - (Cease-Fire) - 8

(Present) - 4

B. Total - (Cease-Fire) - 19

(Present) - 11

C. Present Total -- 660,000 men.

D. Withdrawals began with

armistice, have been gradual.

Timing probably influenced by

North Korean readiness. Indi-

cations another Chinese army

preparing withdraw from line.

II. N.K. ground: (Corps - 28,892 men) -

A. Front - (Cease-Fire) - 2

(Present) - 4

B. Total - (Cease-Fire) - 6

(Present) - <sup>7</sup>~~6~~-8

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- C. Present Total -- 356,000 men.
- D. North Koreans apparently put  
in line as trained. N.K. and  
ROK troops opposite each other  
except on main portion of  
western front.

III. ROK ground: (Divisions - 14,000 men)

- A. Front - (Cease-Fire)-10  
(Present) -13
- B. Total - (Cease-Fire)-15  
(Present) -20
- C. Present Total -- 623,000 men.
- D. ROK replaced UN units in less  
critical areas as trained.  
However, ROK 21st put in  
critical Chorwon area on  
4 June.

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IV. US Ground: (Divisions - 18,000 men)

A. Front - (Cease-Fire) - 6

(Present) - 3

B. Total - (Cease-Fire) - 8

(Present) - 6

C. Present Total -- 235,500 men.

D. Commonwealth Division, Turkish  
Brigade and <sup>eight</sup>~~seven~~ miscellaneous  
UN battalions (total 33,500)  
in addition to above.

V. Air Strength

A. N.K. AF -- 170 jets (MIG-15),  
100 piston fighters and ground  
attack, all based North Korea;  
40 jet bombers (IL-28), 30  
piston bombers (TU-2), some  
in North Korea.

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- B. Communist (Manchuria) -- 300 Chinese and 250 Soviet MIG-15's, 130 Chinese IL-28's plus some or all North Korean bombers.
- C. ROK AF -- 80 F-51 fighters.
- D. All N.K. AF aircraft except bombers moved into Korea just prior to or after armistice. Chinese air strength Manchuria decreased 100-125 MIG's, USSR deactivated 4 fighter regiments since armistice. N.K. AF strength about same.

VI. North Korean vs South Korean capabilities.

- A. Approximately equal on ground.
- B. N.K. greatly superior in air.
- C. ROK deficient in antiaircraft.
- D. North possesses higher total most major ~~fire~~ support weapons.

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E. Both dependent on outside logistical aid.

F. North air superiority and availability logistical support probably decisive.

#### VII. General.

A. Although enemy disposition defensive, Communists retain capability attack with little warning. Could not, due with- drawals, sustain major offen- sive without reinforcements.

B. Eight of 19 Chinese armies in Korea prior armistice now out. Strength reduced from wartime peak 872,000 to 660,000. Relief 16th Chinese Army may be immi- nent; would make N.K. and ROK forces occupy opposing areas.

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C. Expansion, activation ground units  
has increased N.K. strength from  
282,000 at armistice to 356,000.  
Major components: <sup>19-22</sup> ~~19~~ infantry  
divisions, 7 infantry brigades,  
7 armored regiments, 12 AAA  
regiments, 4 AAA battalions.

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E. Integration of Chinese into Korean  
units, on small scale, reported.  
No confirmation large-scale  
integration plan under way in  
connection Chinese withdrawals.

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VIII. Naval Forces

A. N.K. navy has small patrol and mine craft, but no major vessels.

B. ROK navy has 24 patrol, 11 amphibious, nine auxilliary vessels; no major vessels.

Marine Corps is composed one brigade (2 regiments).

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